Guide to the FH9 Fang File

[The Fang file consists of eight sources, seven of which are translations from the French and the German. The major sources in the file are 1: Tessmann, 2: Tessmann, 6: Alexandre and Binet, and 7: Trilles. 1: Tessmann and 2: Tessmann are the first and second volumes of a two-part monograph by a German ethnologist, who covers the material culture very thoroughly. 3: Trézenem is a summary article on a group of aberrant Fang "tribes" by a French ethnologist. 4: Dugast is a demographic survey of the Fang groups by a French social scientist. 5: Balandier is a discussion of contemporary Fang sociology by a French social anthropologist. 6: Alexandre and Binet is an ethnographic survey by two French government officials. 7: Trilles is a descriptive and theoretical study of Fang totemism and its functioning, while 8: Bennett is a descriptive study of various aspects of Fang culture by a British doctor.

In general this is a well-rounded file with good material on all major aspects of the culture. It is particularly strong in the ethnosciences, material culture, and current sociology. Its weakest area is in the domain of religion. There were no special marking decisions made for this file. --Analyst]

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